# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3974
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SHIKSHA SAHAYOG YOJANA
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has recently sponsored Shiksha Sahayog Yojana a scholarship scheme especially for people below the poverty line ;

(b) if so, the details and the features of the scheme ; and

(c) the details of nodal agencies, State-wise to whom application for scholarships are required to be submitted by the concerned student?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

a) Yes Sir. The Shiksha Sahayog Yojana has been introduced by the Government with effect from 31-12-2001 as a supplement of the Janashree Bima Yojana administered by the Life Insurance Corporation of India.

(b) & (c) The salient features of the scheme indicating details of nodal agencies as given by the Ministry of Finance are given in Annexure.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (b) AND (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3974 FOR 24-08-2004 BY SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY REGARDING SHIKSHA SAHAYOG YOJANA

SHIKSHA SAHAYOG YOJANA

The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) have announced a Shiksha Sahayog Yojana (SSY) on 31-12-2001 pursuant to the Budget announcement 2001-2002. The SSY supplements the benefit available to members of Janashree Bima Yojana.

The scheme is available for students studying between 9th to 12th standards, whose parents are below poverty line and are covered under Janashree Bima Yojana. This scholarship scheme cannot be availed if the student fails and is detained in the same standard. A scholarship amount of Rs.300/- per quarter per child will be paid. The scholarship scheme can be availed for a maximum period of four years only and is available for a maximum of two children of the Janashree Bima Yojana member. No premium is payable for the scholarship.

Procedure for claiming the scholarship is simplified to make it easy for the members of the Janashree Bima Yojaya. Nodal Agencies are required to identify the needy students eligible for scholarship from the families of Janashree Bima Yojana members and to guide them to fill up the application form (available with Nodal Agency). The duly completed form will have to be deposited with the Nodal Agency. The Nodal Agency certifies all the application form received from deserving students. The list of the beneficiary students is then forwarded to the concerned LIC, P&GS Unit for disbursement of scholarships. The scholarship/s will be disbursed to the beneficiary students through the concerned Nodal Agency.

Since the number of scholarships are limited, the selection of the beneficiaries will be made from the poorest of the poor students.

Nodal Agency shall mean the Panchayats, NGOs, Self Help Groups and any other institutionalised arrangements.